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## Granite City Man sentenced to 10 years

Home, vehicles and more than \$14,000 forfeited for drug crime

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

A 46-year-old Granite City area man was sentenced Tuesday to spend the next 10 years in a federal prison for his part in a drug ring that distributed more than a ton of marijuana in Madison County over a three-

year period.

Gary Frost, of the 1300 block of Chouteau Place Road, just west of Granite City, was also ordered Monday by U.S. District Judge William Stiehl to surrender his home and \$255,535 under drug forfeiture laws. Frost pleaded guilty in April 1995 to one count of conspiracy to distribute

marijuana. Law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Frost's home in February 1994. While only traces of marijuana were found, police confiscated more than \$38,000 from a safe.

Prosecutors said they later discovered that Frost removed about 8 pounds of marijuana from his home

the morning of Feb. 25, 1994, after being tipped off that police were about to raid it.

Prior to sentencing, Frost asked Stiehl for leniency.

"It was wrong. I apologize for doing wrong... I've got a 13-year-old daughter to raise and I can't very well do it in prison," Frost said.

But Stiehl said Frost should have taken family matters into account prior to participating in the drug ring.

"It is unfortunate that (Frost's) family must suffer due to the punishment imposed on (him)," Stiehl said.

Frost's attorney, Frederick Hess, (See DRUGS, Page 5A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**The Eagles have landed** — Above, Shannon Mueller and Megan Anders use binoculars to get an up-close look at bald eagles perching on the bluffs along the Mississippi River north of Alton. They went to Pere Marquette State Park with their class to watch for the birds and spotted these two along Illinois 3 on the way home. At left, Two mature American bald eagles perch themselves high above the Great River Road looking over the Mississippi.

## Dangerous game

Consequences of 'Beat the Train' often deadly

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City residents have to deal with blocked railroad crossings on a daily basis.

Interstate 270 to Illinois 203 is only one way to enter the city without crossing railroad tracks. All other entrances to the city require crossing at least one set of tracks.

As a result, the city has been plagued by train-car crashes — the result of motorists who drive around railroad crossing gates rather than wait for a train to pass; there has been 23 crashes in the city involving trains since 1987, according to police records.

And, as Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen points out, "Very seldom do you have minor accidents involving trains."

One reason motorists might drive around railroad gates is the fact that gates are frequently down when there is no train coming. Last year, the city fined railroad companies more than \$15,000 because of equipment malfunction, Ruebhausen said.

Because residents have become accustomed to gates blocking a crossing with no train present, they are perhaps less cautious than they should be. Ruebhausen said his officers have had to direct traffic at railroad crossings for up to two hours at a time because of poor maintenance.

One of the most dangerous crossings in the city is four sets of tracks across West Pontoon Road near Nameoqui.

(See DANGER, Page 5A)

## Alderman: Money slated for travel doesn't fit the bill

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

At least one Granite City alderman thinks it is high time the city increases the amount of money it compensates officials who must travel on city business.

Alderman Eddie Asadorian presented a proposal at Tuesday night's City Council meeting that city officials who travel out of town be reimbursed at least \$100 per day — plus transportation expenses.

City officials currently receive \$25 per day for meals, City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart said. Travel and lodging expenses, when necessary, are reimbursed if receipts are presented, he said.

Under Asadorian's proposal, officials would receive \$100 for (See TRIP, Page 2A)

"Anyone who thinks we are still living in the days when you can get by with \$10 (a day) is fooling himself."

— Eddie Asadorian  
Alderman

## Police hope arrests will slow dealings

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Bust yields many arrests, Page 5A  
Crime lab slows operation, Page 10A

An undercover operation aimed at street-level drug dealers in Madison and Venice resulted in about

two dozen arrests, and more are planned in the near future. Madison and Venice police, with assistance from the Illinois State Police, Madison County Sheriff's Department, and federal law enforcement agencies, went after approximately 30 people during a warrant sweep Tuesday evening.

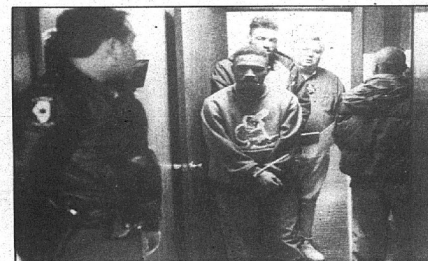
"I'm very happy with the cooperation we got from everybody," Madison Police Chief Steve Skoklo said.

He added that police were able to arrest approximately 12 of the people they were looking for. In addition, another dozen were arrested on unrelated charges.

Police had been working on the operation since mid-November.

"It's just street-corner buys from street-corner dealers," Skoklo said. "After we got the dope from the people, we applied for warrants, and now we're rounding them all up."

(See BUST, Page 5A)



(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Suspects are brought from the cell area of the Madison police station, for transportation to the county jail.

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**5 DAY FORECAST**

John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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70-12	75-10	83-9	70-9

## Salute

Sharon Dent, personal banker at Central Bank, 2400 Madison Ave., was recently selected for a "110 Percent Outstanding Customer Service" award.

Employees of Firstbank of Illinois Co., Central Bank's holding company, nominate co-workers for monthly awards when they observe outstanding customer service being provided. Monthly winners receive a certificate and are featured in the bank newsletter. An annual winner, selected from monthly nominees, receives an award, a cash prize and lunch with Chief Executive Officer Mark Ferguson.

Dent, a seven-year employee nominated twice in the same month, was selected for the annual award.



Sharon Dent

## Picture aids in arrest

Police are attributing the arrest Sunday of a Brooklyn man charged with drug possession to the appearance of the man's picture in the *Granite City Journal* that day.

Michael A. Willis, 34, of the Thomas Terry Apartments, was arrested Sunday on a felony warrant charging him with unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Willis was being held in the Madison County jail Monday on \$50,000 bond.

Willis is charged with possessing less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine Feb. 27 in Granite City. He had eluded police for nearly a year before his arrest Sunday.

A Brooklyn police dispatcher told Granite City police that Willis was arrested after Brooklyn officers received a tip from someone who saw Willis' picture in the newspaper Sunday.



Willis



## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

## Road project planned

Granite City officials are eager to begin a \$1.3 million improvement to Pontoon Road from Wabash Avenue to Maryville Road.

The estimated \$1.3 million cost of construction will be picked up by the Federal Highway Administration (\$975,000) and Madison County (\$325,000).

The city is responsible for costs associated with acquiring rights-of-way and construction engineering.

But if the project is not bid during the Illinois Department of Transportation's April 12 letting, the project could become a nightmare for business owners and residents along the project area.

If construction does not begin by June, the project will probably run into the winter season, forcing long delays and detours around the area.

## Kindergarten plan advances

Madison School District officials are going ahead with plans for a full-day kindergarten program, including workshops for present kindergarten teachers.

Superintendent Gary Allison had said previously that the district was considering implementing a full-day program and that an increase in state aid would offset the district's increased expenses. The increase would be tied to the fact that children would be spending a full day at school.

However, the board has not taken any formal action on the proposal yet, which may be linked to changing attendance patterns at district schools.

The cost of providing full-day kindergarten would be approximately \$114,000 per year but would be offset by increased state funding.

However, that funding would not become available until the second year of the program.

Granite City schools began full-day kindergarten on a pilot basis last year and now offer it at all elementary schools.

## Lucas back on ballot

Ronald "Rink" Lucas will be on the March 19 Democratic primary ballot for Madison County recorder of deeds.

In a decision issued Monday, Madison County Associate Judge Lola Maddox upheld an appeal filed by Lucas on Jan. 22 and heard on Friday.

Maddox allowed 20 signatures that had earlier been struck from his nominating petitions. Lucas now has 264 signatures on his petitions, nine more than the required minimum of 255 needed to run in a primary election.

Lucas will challenge the incumbent recorder of deeds, Dan Donohoo, in the March 19 Democratic primary.

## Flooding bill meets doubters

Proposed legislation to pay for a three-county initiative to control flooding won't be approved by the Legislature, state Rep. Ron Stephens warned Friday.

Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties have teamed up to find solutions to flooding caused by stormwater runoff. The initiative is expected to involve uniform regulations on new development and legislation that would allow regulation of stormwater in upland areas and collection of user fees to help finance flood control measures.

The legislation calls for a base service charge of no more than 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for development and administration of a storm water management plan. All property taxpayers in the three counties would be affected.

Voters would have to approve the fees.

## Heat aid funds fall short

Emergency heat assistance funds released by the federal government will bring heart-warming news to some area residents — while leaving others out in the cold.

Extreme winter conditions all over the country led the Clinton administration Thursday to release \$90 million nationwide in emergency heat assistance money for low-income families.

About \$5.2 million of that money will come to Illinois.

For Madison County, that will mean an extra \$105,000, Community Development Director Cheryl Jouett said.

But, while more money is good, the figure is less than half what Jouett and other officials had hoped it would be.

Jouett said demand for assistance during the past few weeks, when temperatures have hit record or near-record lows, has been tremendous.

## Killer gets life sentence

A 23-year-old Venice man will spend the rest of his life in prison for his role in the murders of five people in a drug money robbery in Eagle Park Nov. 17, 1993.

Michael Coleman, who was convicted in October 1994 of five counts of first degree murder, was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday by Madison County Associate Judge J. Lawrence Kesner.

Two other men, Remon Williams, 23, and Sherrell Towns, 22, both of Washington Park, have already been sentenced to death for their roles in the execution-style slayings.

## Trail may use old bridge

Officials from the city of Madison, Gateway Trailnet and Waste Management Inc. have plans for the future of the old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Support from Waste Management and the development of a \$65 million riverboat casino near the western entrance to the bridge has spurred interest in its development.

The bridge, owned by the city of Madison, first opened as a toll bridge in 1929. It closed in 1970 after completion of the Interstate 270 bridge.

## Amtrak subsidy clears committees



Edgar

29, including The Statehouse that stops in Alton and Carlinville.

A House committee earlier endorsed a different bill with the same funding. Neither of the full legislative chambers has voted on the issue.

## Man faces multiple traffic offenses

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A Bridgeton, Mo., man was charged with multiple traffic offenses after being stopped by Madison police and later charged with criminal damage to property after damaging a Venice junk cell.

Richard M. Metzger, 36, of Bridgeton, was charged Feb. 4 with obstructing a peace officer, driving on a revoked license, illegal transportation of alcohol, following too closely and failure to wear seat belts by the Madison Police Department. Venice police filed a charge of criminal damage to property after Metzger damaged a telephone while in custody.

According to Madison police reports, at about 9:30 p.m. an officer observed a car in the 1900 block of Edwards Road following another vehicle too closely. After being

stopped, Metzger told the officer that he didn't have his drivers' license with him and also gave the officer a false name.

Another Madison officer arrived and identified Metzger.

During the stop, officers noticed an open can of beer and that Metzger was not wearing his seat belt.

He was taken to the Venice police department, where he destroyed the hand set of a telephone, police said.

According to Venice police reports, Metzger told officers he was frustrated at being arrested.

Edgar indicated recently he would not support a temporary fix for Amtrak, unless lawmakers also proposed a long-term funding solution.

A legislative task force is still attempting to come up with a long-term plan, said member Sen. Harry "Rabe" Woodyard, R-Charleston. "At this time our only alternative is to pass this bill," Woodyard told the Senate committee.

There was also disagreement among senators on the issue, with Sen. Ricky Hendon, D-Chicago, saying he would oppose long-term subsidies for the Amtrak trains if fares were increased, while Sen. Larry Bomke, R-Springfield, said fare boosts rather than higher taxes should be relied upon.

However, the committee endorsed the additional subsidy on a 12-0 vote.

Southern Illinois University President Ted Sanders was among those testifying Tuesday in favor of the legislation.

Sanders said about 100,000 passengers a year board or get off in Carbondale on one of the routes threatened for elimination, and more than 40 percent of them are estimated to be students at SIU Carbondale.

He said many students from the Chicago metro area "made a choice to attend SIUC dependent on train service."

Don Spencer, president of Western Illinois University in Macomb, said 43 percent of his students are from the Chicago area and "a large number of them use the train."

Spencer noted that Macomb has no other public transportation and is not on the interstate highway system.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## If you have a relative serving in Bosnia...

In the months ahead, the peace-keeping mission in Bosnia will involve service men and women from the Granite City area — whether they are stationed in Bosnia itself or in Italy or other nearby countries.

To keep our community informed about them, and to provide their addresses for those people who would like to write to them, we're asking their relatives here to send us names and addresses, along with a photo. (The photo will be returned.)

Be sure to include rank, branch of service, unit name. We'd also appreciate any background — school and year of high school graduation, parents' names, etc. — and any other pertinent information you'd like to share with the public.

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Prospective applicants should request and review the Affordable Housing Program materials to determine the criteria for funding. Applications will be accepted from non-profit and for-profit housing developers, units of local government, public housing authorities, and public agencies. Applications must be submitted on the latest forms in order to be considered for funding. Madison County will be allocating funds according to a ranking system, included in the Affordable Housing Program materials. All applications received and considered will not necessarily be funded. In addition, funding awards may be made for less than the full amount requested.

To obtain Affordable Housing Program materials or other information on the HOME Program, call Madison County Community Development at (618) 692-8940 or request information via fax at (618) 692-7022. Madison County Community Development is located at 130 Hillsboro Avenue, Suite 100, Edwardsville, IL.

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## Twist and shout...



**Cool Blue** — Enforcer Tony Twist of the St. Louis Blues hockey team made an appearance at Pizza Chief, 1535 Johnson Road, Sunday afternoon. At top, Twist, right, sits with Eric Wortham of Granite City, owner of the chain of 12 stores in the St. Louis area. Far above, Twist autographs a hat for a young fan. Above, a large crowd waits outside the restaurant. The staff estimated that 800 people attended the promotional event.

## Pontoon Beach scam trials delayed

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The trials of two people indicted in what prosecutors call a scam involving mobile home sales in Pontoon Beach have been delayed until March.

The trials of Edwin Zeman of Chicago and Elaine Holmes of Granite City were supposed to have started this week, but have been delayed, according to the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office.

Zeman, Holmes and two others were charged with crimes relating to the improper possession of mobile home titles. Most are Class II felonies that carry a penalty of 3-7 years.

Others charged are Robert

Sims of Glen Carbon — the former husband of convicted child-killer Paula Sims — and Elizabeth Couch of Edwardsville.

On Dec. 7, a Madison County grand jury indicted Zeman, the owner of Village Green Mobile Home Park in Pontoon Beach, on nine counts: six counts of unlawful possession of a certificate of title without complete assignment and one count each of unlawful removal of a manufacturer's identification number, unlawful possession of a Secretary of State's assignment plate and failure to keep adequate records.

Holmes, who sold and sublet mobile homes in the park, was indicted in November on 15 counts: six counts of theft over \$300 and nine counts of unlaw-

ful possession of a certificate of title without complete assignment.

Couch, the former off-site manager of the park, had also been indicted on nine counts. On Nov. 22 she pleaded guilty to eight of those. One count of theft over \$300 was dismissed.

She is awaiting sentencing. Sims, who worked for Zeman at both the Village Green and East 30 Mobile Home Park in Glen Carbon, was charged with one count each of unlawful possession of a Secretary of State's assignment plate and unlawful removal of a manufacturer's identification number.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office has been investigating allegations of improper

sales and title transfers since other problems with the Pontoon Beach park surfaced in the spring.

The charges stem from the improper transfer of titles following the sale of mobile homes. Residents complained that they thought they had bought the homes, but the titles were never transferred and when the "owners" missed a payment, they would be evicted.

After problems between the village of Pontoon Beach and the park started, the village declined to renew the business license; it has since issued a series of temporary business licenses while building and zoning violations were dealt with.

## Glen Carbon seeks arterial route

**GLEN CARBON** — The village wants to relieve cross-town traffic by building a \$7 million arterial route between Illinois 157 and 270.

The new road would connect Glen Crossing Road to Meridian Road just south of Interstate 270.

Mayor Ron Foster said the road "is designed so people in the community can move around in a much safer way. They can get around more easily."

Hundreds of homes have been built off Meridian in recent years. The added traffic has caused congestion on the road and has made Main Street in Old Town a major thoroughfare between Illinois 157 and 159.

The project is designed by Flagg and Associates of Edwardsville. Flagg's Chief Executive Officer Walt Blotvogel said the job would be done in three phases, to be completed by the end of 1999.

The first phase, planned for the fall, would improve Meridian Road from Illinois 157 to Interstate 270. Plans call for concrete pavement, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and room for bike riders on the road's shoulder, Blotvogel said.

The second phase includes a new road connecting Meridian and Main Street. Just south of Inter-

state 270, the road would branch off Meridian to the east and cross undeveloped land until it meets Main Street. A home at 84 S. Main St. would be razed to make room for the road, Blotvogel said.

The third phase would extend the road from Main Street to Glen Crossing Road just east of Spring Valley subdivision. Improvements on Glen Crossing Road would continue to Illinois 159. The village plans to buy two homes in the 100 block of High Street that would need to be torn down.

Blotvogel said the new sections of road would likely be named Glen Crossing Road. The section of current Glen Crossing Road west of Spring Valley may become Old Glen Crossing Road, he said. The present intersection of Glen Crossing Road and Glen Carbon Road would be closed.

"It will probably be the turn of the century before it's all wrapped up," he said.

The proposed plans for the road are being reviewed by the Illinois Department of Transportation, which would provide \$5 million for the project, Blotvogel said.

Madison County would contribute about \$1.25 million. Glen Carbon plans to contribute \$550,000, which the village already has in reserve.

— From the *Alton Telegraph*

Send the *Journal* your leap year tales

Leap year is supposed to be for lovers. No one is exactly sure why, but that is the tradition.

The powers that be have decided that we need an extra day in the calendar every four years to compensate for the heavenly cycles. And for some unknown reason, Feb. 29 has been selected as the day. (Wouldn't Dec. 32 make more sense?)

As a result of the calendar anomaly, about one in every 1,500 people has a birthday once every four years instead of every year —

cheating Father Time and becoming younger than the rest of us.

Were you born on Feb. 29? Did you marry your spouse on that day to avoid having to buy an anniversary present every year?

If this describes you or if you know a leap year person, we want to know it. Send your leap year tales to: Leap Year, c/o Granite City Press-Record, 1815 Delmar Avenue, Granite City, IL 62040. Be sure we receive your tale by Feb. 29 and include your name and a telephone number.

## Local Big Brothers, Sisters program adds level to mentor system

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The "Bigs" who help the

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"Littles" will be getting some help from the "Big Bigs" this year.

The Bigs are Madison High School students participating in the district's Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. The Littles are fourth-graders the high school students work with. The Big Bigs — a new twist this year — are college students who will motivate and mentor the high schoolers.

Superintendent Gary Allison told school board members Thursday that the program — which pairs high school students with fourth graders at Harris Elementary School — recently was notified that it will receive a \$10,000 loan

and Serve Grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.

This year, the program will use six students at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to serve as motivators and mentors for the high school students.

"These Big Bigs will address our students on the value of volunteering to help one another and other altruistic functions," he said. "That will, in turn, inspire high school students to volunteer to serve as Big Brothers or Sisters for an elementary student."

Allison said the district has already identified the college students and is in the process

of screening them.

The grant will be used to pay the college students a \$400 stipend for gas and other out-of-pocket expenses, and the rest of the money will be used for transportation and other expenses for the program — including group trips with the college, high school and elementary students.

The program started last year with some financial help from the United Way.

Karen Reeb, a case manager with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois, said the program last year went very well, and the group plans to begin this year's program in mid-February.

Allison also told board members that a high school mentoring program with Belleville Area College will begin Feb. 14.

School district officials have been working since last fall with administrators at BAC's Granite City Campus to develop the program.

Allison said each Wednesday through April 24, six sophomores will "shadow" BAC students from Phi Theta Kappa, Peer Advisers or the Black Affairs Council beginning at 8:30 a.m.

"They will accompany the BAC student volunteers through their regular morning routine," Allison said.

Following lunch and a "debriefing" session, they will return to Madison High School at about 1 p.m.

"The program will allow all sophomores who want to participate at least one opportunity to spend a day with a shadow at BAC," he said. "Students need realistic exposure on how to achieve their dreams."

"It is hoped that this proves to be a valuable enrichment experience," he said. "If it does, we hope the program will last all next year and even be expanded to two days per week."

"I feel very positive about the program," he said.

## Granite City in competition for National Guard facility

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Illinois National Guard and local officials were in Washington, D.C., to make a presentation to bring a truck repair facility to the Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City.

A spokesman for the Illinois Department of Military Affairs said the dele-

gation was making its presentation Wednesday.

That presentation had originally been scheduled for Jan. 9, but was delayed when blizzards shut down the city.

The U.S. Army National Guard is looking for two regional rebuilding centers — one for the Eastern and another for the Western U.S.

Illinois National Guard officials have

said that the Western location will probably be in Texas, and the main competition will be for the Eastern facility.

The centers would be used to rebuild 2½-ton and 5-ton trucks used by Army National Guard units.

Approximately 150 trucks per year would be rebuilt. The facility would have an annual budget of between \$4-5

million and would employ approximately 150 people.

The cost of rebuilding a 2½-ton truck is about \$43,000, compared to a \$98,000 price tag for a new truck. The 5-ton trucks are no longer manufactured.

Later, state officials said they might be able to persuade other military services to use the facility. This could boost employment to almost 500 people.

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# Opinion

## Commentary

### Cruising back to different time

I was out driving around the other day and sort of daydreaming. I suppose, when it dawned on me that I was cruising.

I guess cruising is something people, especially young people, still do, though it may be called something else now.

This bit of nostalgic rumination was prompted by my encounter with a '57 Chevrolet, a car I've seen 'round about on several occasions.

It wasn't exactly an encounter; after all, we didn't trade paint. I just happened to see it on the road and it got me going, as it were.

The movie "American Graffiti," an early '70s flick about teen angst and juvenile America's love affair with the automobile, came to mind about the same time.

I started thinking about what we did for entertainment back when the '57 Chevy, or, rather, a mountain-motor version of it, was one of the hottest cars on the road and we would-be thunder roaders salivated each time one of them, tires practically ablaze, roared away from the local hang-out.

(Yes, it really was a drive-in.) It occurred to me, as I'm sure it has to everyone my age or in the vicinity of it, how great it would be to be 16 or 17 again and do all the crazy and wonderful things we used to do.

Pretty boring, actually, when you realize that, as a matter of fact, we cruised for entertainment then. Oh, it was social, too, but that aspect aside, it was better entertainment than television. TV was a lot less sophisticated and a lot less socially pervasive then.

Anyway, the drill was automatic. Everybody, well, almost everybody, would borrow the Old Man's car (if it was a '57 Chevy, you can bet it was the plain vanilla version and we'd gather at the grill, where we'd mostly chat until dark, then we'd cruise.

This entailed first selecting the cars with the most gas in them, then deciding who'd go with whom; the where was decided by following one's hood ornament.

As I recall, there were basically four drive-ins in our town that provided the points for the compass rose on our local map. Their names are unimportant but like the neighborhood in which they were located, they were socially stratified: this one, OK; this one OK but a little whiffy; the next one somewhat ripe; the last downright smelly—at least to our way of thinking.

Cars were like little living rooms or dens or parlors on wheels.

There was interaction within and without. There were cliques, rivalries, even gangs of a sort, not really in a bad way, but certainly not above mischief and derring-do.

The group I hung around with was the college bound

Jay Kelly

bunch and supposedly a little more likely to stay out of real trouble, for what that was worth.

This was the end of the age of innocence and we did what we could to help it along its way to oblivion.

In the '50s, if you were 18, you could buy beer, another reason for cruising. In our little town there were some strange ideas regarding the consumption of booze.

There were some even stranger, well, weird laws governing it. Hard liquor was dispensed through state owned stores, no sales on Sunday, holidays or voting day. Beer was sold room temperature, no less than a sixpack, for consumption off premises only. (Read that, at home, behind closed doors.)

Some less scrupulous merchants (our mayor was one of them) had some creative interpretations of the laws, especially the room temperature one: Just have a separate "room" outside the store with thin uninsulated walls.

That served to cool the brew but we'd finish the job by placing it between the grill and radiator of our cars, then, what else, we'd cruise for a few minutes, the length of time largely determined by our thirst.

No, few of us were old enough to buy our beer. But there was always old Clifford or Lee or somebody who'd been in high school a little longer than it should have taken. And as I mentioned, some of the merchants could have been more diligent checking identification, etc.

There are scores of stories that could be told, but to no good purpose. Let's just leave those to the imagination and step forward.

For the boys about to depart the local scene, the alternative to college was the draft, a prospect that would have even greater implications for those who would face it four or five years later.

I can't speak for the girls, though I know they have many more decisions and options available to them now. I won't say that the draft would have been good for them, either. Yes, hindsight is 20/20, but time runs on a myopia.

Snippets of my memories of those days are pleasant, but a close examination reveals that I grew up for a 17-year-old was tough—it may be even tougher for kids these days.

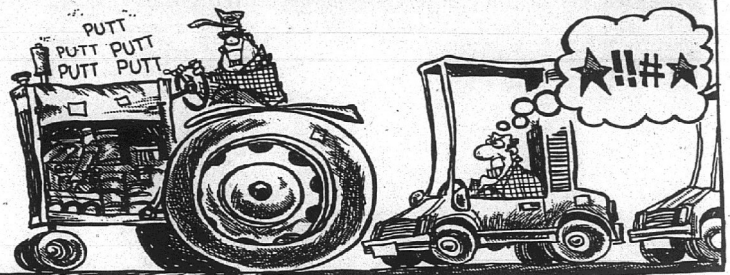
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**Q:** WHAT WOULD YOU CALL THE STATE'S PLAN TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC ON RURAL ROADS?



**A:** REDUNDANT



## One man's opinion

# Soldiers all deserve our thanks



Scott Kelly

American men and women are now on the ground in Bosnia, attempting to keep peace in a country that no longer understands that concept. Once more, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives are praying their loved ones will be protected and come home.

Bosnia is today's headlines, but I can't think of one single moment in American history when somewhere, somehow, American soldiers weren't in a dangerous situation. From the Revolution to Bosnia, our "boys" have constantly put themselves on the line for... what? And why?

Today isn't Veterans Day, or Memorial Day, or even the Fourth of July. It's not a patriotic day, just a run-of-the-mill February day. Nothing special going on. Therefore it seems the perfect time to say this.

Thank you, veterans. Thanks to you men and women who have honorably worn the uniform of a United States soldier.

Why, you ask? Partly because I believe a real patriot should not limit his love for his country to Veterans Day or Independence Day.

I have never been a soldier. Came close, definitely. Right after high school, I talked to a Marine recruiter. Later, a retired major general explained what kind of options I'd have in the Army.

Reserves. Just three years ago, I flirted with Air Force ROTC—even took some tests. I never joined up. Not from a lack of courage (I hope) but

because, ultimately, the Almighty had other plans for me.

My family isn't what you'd call a military family. Although there is no shortage of men who served. My grandfather was in the Big One. He ran all over Africa and Europe, making certain the Army's Signal Corps was in top shape.

On my desk sits a small, crumpled picture of my grandfather, taken in either Africa or France. He stands proudly, his arm resting on the tail of a shot-down German ME-109. I wonder: What was he thinking? Was he proud to be there? Was he thinking at all of the great crusade he was part of? A romantic would say yes. Or was he thinking of my grandmother and how much he missed her and when his next leave was?

My fiancée's grandfathers served, too. Her mother's father, an engineer, was in one of the first waves at Omaha Beach. Some of the most harrowing and incredible stories I've heard are Lynn's tales of D-Day and beyond.

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Those men probably didn't want to go to Africa or Europe, Southeast Asia or Saudi Arabia. Yet, they went anyway—and did a fantastic job. What if they hadn't? How much different would this country be today? Few of my generation, I suspect, can even understand what words such as sacrifice and duty mean. After all, this country hasn't been in immediate mortal danger for half a century.

Because I never became a soldier, I wonder if I can ever understand what that elite group experienced. Probably not. But I can appreciate what they did, and honor a praise them for their actions.

To me, all of you who served with honor are heroes. You may not see it that way. "Are you kidding?" I can hear one relative saying. "I joined to make my parents mad, not serve my country!"

Another vet, a Korean War infantryman, once regaled one of my college classes with horrors he witnessed. He didn't consider himself a hero, but a killer. I respectfully disagreed.

I guess heroism is something even veterans ascribe to someone else. President Bush, a Navy fighter pilot who saw

combat in World War II, once chastised a speechwriter for calling Bush a hero in a speech. He wasn't, Bush insisted. The ground troops were. But to me, Bush IS a hero.

My cousin, the reservist, re-upped for another few years. He told me that, chances are, he's probably heading to Bosnia. Another cousin, a Marine, is, if I'm remembering right, with a U.S. fleet in the Mediterranean. He could go into action at any time. They're heroes both, though both would think me weird for saying so.

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Why not look to the best? I could never say thanks to my grandfather before he passed on. Too young and too foolish. But now I've read too much, talked too much and experienced too much not to appreciate our veterans.

Once more, thanks. Scott Kelly is a member of the Journal editorial staff.

## Letters to the editor

### Ambulance plan needed

**TO THE EDITOR:** Last August, the ambulance provider for portions of Nameoki and Chouteau townships sent word that the service would discontinue unless additional funding was received.

The township supervisors, along with representatives of the two fire departments (Long Lake and Mitchell), two fire districts and the village of Pontoon Beach met repeatedly to discuss the possible solutions.

While the problem is not totally corrected, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Long Lake Mitchell Ambulance Committee.

Their dedication to the residents they serve and their work in attempting to provide a quality ambulance service on

a continuing basis is something to be appreciated.

While others attend these meetings periodically, the following committee members deserve recognition:

Ken Davis, Nameoki Township supervisor; Greg Freeland, assistant chief, Long Lake Fire Department; Ed Lee, chief, Mitchell Fire Department; Pat Polley, Chouteau Township supervisor and secretary; Randy Presswood, trustee, Pontoon Beach; and Ron Scholebo, president, Mitchell Fire District and Co-chairman.

A special thanks to state representatives Steve Davis and Tom Holbrook for their time and useful advice.

"Difficulty is the excuse history never accepts," said a famous reporter. I sincerely hope these fine people assemble again—with more community involvement to solve the ambulance problem. The difficulties we experienced does not mean that the problem is history. All

of our friends, neighbors and families need a dependable, quality ambulance service.

**MARVIN RIBBING**  
President  
Long Lake Fire Protection District  
Chairman  
Long Lake Mitchell Ambulance Committee

### APA thanks Bricklayers

**TO THE EDITOR:** The Granite City Association for the Protection of Animals would like to gratefully thank Bricklayers Local 8 from Belleville.

On Jan. 17, 20 men from the Granite City apprentice class cheerfully constructed a 20-foot-by-30-foot block building next to the APA's shelter. The

APA is currently planning to use the building in the future for a variety of incoming and sick animals.

We want to send our heartfelt thank you to these wonderful men who graciously volunteered their time and ability to help our furry friends.

However, the APA is always in need of volunteers who can donate their time, skills and services, whether it be in carpentry or baking cookies for a fund raiser.

Every effort helps make life a little better for the homeless animals in our area.

To find out how you can help, call the APA at 931-7030.

Thank you again, Bricklayers' Local 8, Granite City apprentice class.

**KATHY BEYER**  
APA

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## Area police score big in round up

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

About a dozen of the approximately 30 people targeted in Tuesday evening's warrant sweep were arrested. Police picked up another 12 or so on unrelated charges.

Those processed by the Madison police department include: Eric J. Mason, 25, of the 1200 block of Calhoun Street, Madison, on one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Edmond Lee Sanford, 21, of the 1800 block of Market Street, Madison, on one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Eugene Herrod Jr., of the 1600 block of Seventh Street, Madison, on two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Shermaine Farrar, 17, of the 1100 block of Calhoun, on one count each of unlawful delivery of a look-alike substance, theft under \$300 and failure to appear on a disorderly conduct charge.

Marcus Antonio Edwards, 17, of the 1600 block of Second Street, Madison, on unlawful possession of a controlled substance and criminal trespass.

Antonio Cortez Darden of the 1000 block of Greenwood, Madison, on two counts of unlawful delivery of a look-alike substance, failure to appear on a battery and disorderly conduct charge and a violating probation.

Two people were arrested at

Blake's Lounge, 217 Roosevelt Drive in Madison.

Fanny Marie Logan, 33, of the 900 block of North 70th Street, East St. Louis, was arrested on a probation violation charge.

Christopher Wayne Gardner, 22, of the 1500 block of Second Street, Madison, was charged with two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Gardner was one of those charged in a similar operation last year. However, before he could be arrested he was critically wounded in a bar shooting in Venice, and police did not pursue charges because Gardner was not supposed to live. He was later arrested after recovering.

Two residents of a home in the 1700 block of Collinsville Avenue were arrested after police converged on the house.

Tommie L. McDonald, 52, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant.

Ingrid Withers, 33, was arrested for failure to appear on Granite City charges of deceptive practice and failure to fund a check. Both were released after posting bond.

At the Venice police department, those processed include: Carlos Meecham, 23, of the 600 block of Washington, Venice, on one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Henry Henderson Jr., 29, of Lee Wright Homes, Venice, on one count of unlawful delivery of a look-alike substance, and

two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Leonard Prothro Jr., 35, of the 500 block of Third Street, Venice, on one count of delivery of a controlled substance.

Another suspect, Johnnie C. Jackson, of the 500 block of Merced, Madison, was in custody at the Madison County Jail. Police said they would be serving warrants on him soon.

Two people were arrested at Garrett's Lounge on Baucum Avenue.

Mark D. Mayes, 23, of Lee Wright Homes, Venice, was arrested on warrants for three counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

Montez Andre, 31, of the 1600 block of Fourth Street, Madison, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of cannabis pending lab results.

Venice police said they spotted Andre in Garrett's Lounge and followed him into the restroom.

After being confronted by police he handed them a pool cue case. A search of the case revealed what police believe is crack cocaine and marijuana.

Another man, Michael Gist, 35, of Lee Wright Homes, Venice, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis pending lab results after officers observed him throwing down a bag of suspected marijuana at 337 Baucum.

As of Wednesday, police had not prepared reports on all the arrests.

## •Bust

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Although not a priority, small amounts of cocaine and marijuana were also seized, most of it in Venice.

Skoklo said he believed the arrests would slow down drug dealers in the area.

"I hope it will have a very positive affect," he said. "We did it last year and it worked out real well, and we hope it will again."

In fact, many of those arrested had also been picked up in a similar operation last year.

"There are a number of them, but I don't know the exact number," Skoklo said. "None of them were strangers to the police."

He said this time some of them might actually receive jail time.

The operation began at about 6 p.m. with a briefing at the Illinois State Police headquarters in Collinsville.

The first groups of prisoners started to arrive at about 7:30, and were processed and taken to the Madison County jail.

After dropping off or processing their prisoners, the officers would pick up new warrants and leave again.

One group — Sgt. Theo Adams of the Venice police



(Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Sgt. Leonard Ritz of the Madison police department escorts Carlos Meecham from his house in Venice.

The operation ended at about midnight.

Skoklo said they would be looking for the other defendants, but said they would probably be keeping a low profile for some time.

## •Drugs

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said that Frost participated in the drug conspiracy because of the quick lure and easy cash. Frost was only four years away from retirement from his job as a chemical worker at Granite City Steel and a full pension of \$1,225 a month, according to Hesse. Frost now stands to receive only \$750 per month as a result of his sentencing and subsequent early retirement. Hesse

Frost, who had no prior criminal record, agreed to cooperate with prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in an investigation of the marijuana ring, which apparently distributed at least 2,750 pounds of pot.

While Frost signed a plea agreement with the government in June 1994 calling for a prison term of 46 to 57 months, the government withdrew its offer in November of that year, citing a lack of cooperation by Frost.

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During sentencing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kit Morrissey, who handled the prosecution, and Illinois State Police Agent Jay Kevan painted a picture of Frost as a man who volunteered only self-serving data and withheld other information crucial to the investigation.

Kevan said Frost described his role as limited to providing a warehouse for the marijuana and a key to those actually involved in its distribution. While Frost said he knew about approximately 600 pounds of marijuana moving in and out of his facility, an investigation revealed that Frost actually knew about 2,500 pounds, Kevan said.

While the June 1994 plea agreement called for Frost to enter a guilty plea to an information, Frost had not done so by November of that year, prompting Morrissey to take the case to a grand jury, Morrissey said.

Hesse said Frost did provide investigators with the password to his computer, where he stored coded records of drug transactions, and he deciphered his code. He said Frost also provided names of co-conspirators.

Co-defendants in the case have already forfeited \$29,465, bringing the total forfeited to \$475,000. Richard Alabaugh, former owner of The Bar and The Store and More on Edwardsville Road in Madison, Jimmy Hartline, Anthony Gibbons, Frank Wittecker, Peter Krell, Jeffrey Freund, and Anthony Mann are among the co-conspirators already sentenced and currently in federal prisons.

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## •Danger

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Road, where there have been 11 fatalities since November of 1973, according to records.

The crossing — one of the busiest in the city in terms of both train and automobile traffic — has long been notorious for trains sitting still on the tracks for hours at a time. In fact, police say, railroad workers in

the past have been found eating at a restaurant across the street while their train blocked traffic. Two accidents occurred at that intersection within one week last November. The second accident involved a 78-mile-per-hour train, which cuts reaction time."

Both of the accidents involved high-speed Amtrak trains. That is a heavily traveled crossing, and I don't think

Amtrak trains going 78 miles per hour belong there," Ruebsaen said. "Residents are accustomed to heavy, slow freight trains and aren't expecting a 78-mile-per-hour train, which cuts reaction time."

One of the problems may be that there are two side streets into the crossing that are actually between the gates. Motorists turning left (east) on West Pontoon Road from southbound Braden Avenue, and motorists exiting the Crossroads Shopping

Center onto West Pontoon Road are actually beyond the crossing gates.

"People aren't obeying the stop sign. They're just shooting the gap," said Joe Juneau of Juneau Associates, the city's contractual engineer.

The Illinois Department of Transportation recently met with city officials and asked the city to purchase and install two programmable message boards on the crossing gates at West Pontoon at a cost of \$6,000.

But city officials are hesitant

to believe that motorists who are disobeying stop signs and crossing gates now are likely to pay attention to any new signs.

"If IDOT and the city fathers are concerned about that crossing and the fatalities we have there, the safest way is to put double arms there," Ruebsaen said.

Double gates — ones that block traffic on both sides of the street — cause extra delays because one set of arms comes down first, then a second set follows, Juneau said.

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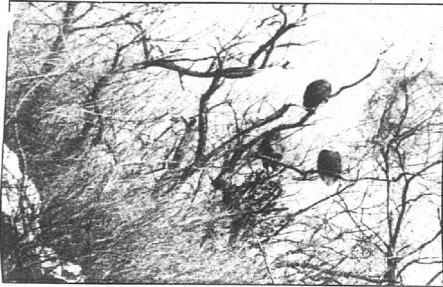


# People



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

At right, Frohardt School fourth-graders, from left, Scott Erickson, Benjamin Nichols and Kelli Comer watch for eagles on the ice in the river. Also pictured is Kelli's father, Dan, who accompanied the children on an eagle-watching expedition up the Great River Road to Pere Marquette State Park last Saturday. Above, teacher Bruce Martin, second from left, watches for eagles with the group he led to Pere Marquette.



Two mature American bald eagles roost in trees atop the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River along the Great River Road. Below, Amanda Harrison, left, and Shannon Mueller look out over the river from the Brussels ferry landing along Illinois 3 north of Alton. In bottom photo, the eagle watchers from Martin's class pose for a group picture in the lodge at Pere Marquette. Left to right, front row, are: Joey Patrick, Lizzie Eastler, Amanda Harrison, Billy Patterson, Shannon Mueller and Scott Erickson; back row: Bruce Martin, Kelli Comer, Whitney Ruebhausen, Brittney Laub, Megan Anders and Ryan Black.

## Eagle watching Students enjoy chance to see bald eagles live

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

You can study them all you want, but there is nothing like seeing a real live American bald eagle.

About 18 students in Bruce Martin's fourth-grade class at Frohardt School, their parents and assorted siblings braved chilling temperatures and winds Saturday to do just that.

"It was really amazing," said student Shannon Mueller on seeing her first eagles. "The first ones we saw were sitting in the trees. They were really big and stood out. I had a lot of fun."

On their trip up the Great River Road to the lodge at Pere Marquette State Park, students saw more than a dozen eagles, Martin said.

"We saw approximately 15 on the way up," Martin said. "Depending on which vehicle, because some people didn't know exactly what and where to watch for."

"As you're going up the Great River Road this time of the year, you look out on the ice," he said. "They're going to be on the ice next to open water."

"Also, you look up in the bluffs in the trees," he added. "In the trees you're looking for...it looks like a big stump with

the top painted white."

Of course, the easiest way to spot the eagles is to look for eagle watchers.

"Just like Yellowstone, if you see a car pulled over they've found something, so you pull in right behind them," Martin said.

This is the third year for the annual eagle caravan.

Martin said the eagles are "really impressive."

Part of it is the size, plus the fact that it is the "national bird."

"You think you always have to go to some far off place to see things like that, like Yellowstone or Alaska," Martin said.

"And for them to be right here in our own back yard is kind of cool, as the kids say."

"We're lucky to be right here on the (Mississippi) flyway," he added.

Eagle watching has always been popular on the Mississippi River near Alton, and in recent years has become a major tourist attraction.

Once on the endangered species list, American bald eagles have been upgraded to threatened.

The biggest threat to the birds had been pesticides. Since the banning of DDT, the eagles have made a major comeback.

DDT was making the shells so thin

that when the eagles sat on the nest they would crack," Martin said.

It is still a federal crime to possess any part of an eagle without a special permit, usually reserved for Native Americans.

The eagle has not always been popular. When choosing a national symbol, Benjamin Franklin called the bald eagle a "vulgar" bird and wanted the turkey.

"I guess that meant we could have had bald eagle for lunch on Thanksgiving," Martin said.

Before going on the eagle watching trip, Martin said his class studies the bird.

"One of the things we are very, very, very fortunate to have is access to the Internet," he said. "So I got on the Internet and did a search."

"I typed bald eagle and we had some phenomenal information come back," he said. "We also had a lot of information from the Illinois Department of Conservation (now the Illinois Department of Natural Resources)."

But as much as he studied, Martin said, it is still not the same as seeing the birds on the river.

"You can talk and read about it all you want, but being right there, I really enjoyed watching the kids see their first one," he said. "There's just something about them; it's a majestic bird."



Brittney Laub, left, Whitney Ruebhausen and Lizzie Eastler pile into one of the chairs at Pere Marquette lodge while trying to warm up.

## Madison High Partners' program draws praise

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A four-year cooperative program between Shell Oil Co. and Madison High School has been a tremendous asset for the school.

At the Venice-Madison Rotary's meeting last week, company and school officials praised the program.

As part of the "Partners in Education" program, Shell provides financial, technical and other support for the school, including scholarships and career and shadow days, which give students a chance to learn what it's really like to work.

Tara Condon-Tullier, community relations manager for Shell's Wood River Manufacturing Complex, said

"This is a key part of the company's program. They not only feel good about the company, but their communities as well."

—Tara Condon-Tullier  
Shell official

the company has a similar program with Roxana High School.

"It's not just to be a good member

of the community," she said of the programs. "It's job training."

She said the program involves both present and retired Shell employees and both hourly and staff workers.

"This is a key part of the company's program," she said.

They not only feel good about the company, but their communities as well."

In one case, a company electrician went to the high school on his own time to fix lights for the school play.

"It was a very simple thing for us, but a big thing for the school," Condon-Tullier said. "It's a good thing for Shell because we like to be known as a good member of the community."

School officials praised the

"Every department has been blessed by Shell Oil and that's just financial. They have always been there when we need them."

—John Harrison  
Madison teacher

program, saying it has made a "tremendous" difference at the school.

"There has never been any manna from heaven that dropped on us like Shell Oil," said social studies teacher John Harrison. "Everywhere you walk in the halls of Madison High School, you see where Shell has touched it."

"Every department has been blessed by Shell Oil and that's just financial," he said. "They have been there when we need them."

Rose Wesson, principal at MHS, talked about a specific program using coupons as incentives for students.

The next major project in the program is "Shadow Day" on Thursday, when students will go to the refinery for the day.











# Anti-abortionists pushing parent notification bill

SPRINGFIELD — State lawmakers should do whatever is necessary to revive legislation requiring notice to parents before a minor has an abortion, an Alton anti-abortion activist says. "We certainly support any effort that would give parents

the right to be notified," said Felicia Goeken, the Illinois director of the National Right to Life Federation. "It's such a common sense thing, and it's not really an abortion issue but a parents' right-to-know issue."

Legislation enacted last spring is in limbo after the Illinois Supreme Court declined to create an appeals process for implementing the "judicial bypass" section of the law. The legislation provided that a minor must notify at least one of her parents or legal guardians at least 48 hours before having an abortion, unless a judge determined otherwise, such as in a case of incest.

A federal judge had already issued an injunction against enforcement of the new law until the state Supreme Court had adopted rules for the bypass procedure.

The high court issued a letter Friday addressed to Attorney General Jim Ryan, in which it said the judicial bypass procedure was not needed to implement the notice provisions

because the U.S. Supreme Court had not specifically held it was required involving notice to a single parent.

"In sum, the General Assembly's request to this court seems to be the result of an excess of caution," it added.

The Supreme Court further suggested legislators "can take appropriate steps to provide administrative evaluation of the maturity of pregnant minors to avoid informing a parent."

Ryan issued a response saying the law is inoperable without the judicial bypass procedures, but he would work with lawmakers if they wished to take the court's suggestion of enacting administrative reviews instead.

House Speaker Lee Daniels, R-Eldmhurst, is reviewing possible options.

"We are determined to do whatever it takes to bring parental notification to Illinois as soon as possible," Daniels spokesman Mike Cys said.

Goeken noted the parental notice bill had received widespread support last year even

from legislators who otherwise voted against bills restricting abortion.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which filed the lawsuit that resulted in the federal court injunction, disputes many of the arguments made by the Illinois Supreme Court.

ACLU director of reproductive rights Colleen Connell contended "federal courts consistently have held that parental notice of abortion laws — whether requiring the involvement of one parent or two — must include a fully operable bypass proceeding that is both confidential and expeditious."

Connell said the ACLU will seek a permanent federal court injunction against the new law.

Connell suggested using the approach enacted by Connecticut and Maine, which do not require parents to be notified but allow physicians or guidance counselors to "engage" the minor in a rigorous informed consent dialogue as an alternative to parental involvement.

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## Boy, 4, sprays brother, 6, with mace

As pepper-spray mace containers become more popular, police say parents must be careful they don't fall into the wrong hands.

In Madison over the weekend, a 6-year-old boy was accidentally sprayed by his 4-year-old brother.

An ambulance was called to the scene, but not needed. "That's the first time I've heard of that," Madison Police Chief Steve Skoklo said of someone being accidentally sprayed.

Skoklo said that pepper

spray has become more common, and is often used by police to subdue unruly subjects.

He also said it was readily available in stores, but only those 18 and older may purchase or possess it.

"It's painful, but it can be quickly taken care of by washing their face," he said.

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## Backlog at lab delays local police

By Bonita Tillman  
Staff writer

A roundup of street-level drug dealers following an undercover investigation by Madison and Venice police was delayed almost a month by the backlog at the Illinois State Police Crime Lab in Fairview Heights.

Detective Neal Mize of the Madison police department said they had finished the street-level work on the operation about one month ago and had been waiting on results of lab tests before obtaining arrest warrants last week.

Larry Lorschbach, lab director, said the agency is running behind and still trying to catch up with the 11.8 percent increase in workload it has seen from 1994 to 1995.

"I think we do a pretty good job of meeting the needs for court deadlines and police prosecution," he said. "But everyone here is working overtime to get caught up."

The biggest increase has come in latent fingerprints which jumped 23 percent between 1994 and 1995, Lorschbach said. The department saw a 22 percent increase in that area the

previous year.

Firearms testing cases have risen 10 percent over the last year, he added, to determine how the 85 employees hired for a new state crime lab slated to open in Chicago this summer. Other new hires are training at the other six state labs.

The department has 23 staffers now, and Lorschbach said it is difficult to determine how many more are needed for the workload. But he said training takes 1½ to three years depending on the discipline in which a person is interested.

That means getting quick replacements will not be easy, he said. About 14 people were interviewed in early January for lab positions.

One of the lab's DNA specialists is off for additional training, which shorts the department even more, he said.

"What we do is try to prioritize major crimes from the areas we serve, and get them done as fast as possible," Lorschbach said.

The Fairview Heights branch serves eight downstate counties, but Madison and St. Clair counties are the largest with the most volume.

## 'Rink' promises strong campaign

Now that he is back on the ballot, Ronald "Rink" Lucas says he is prepared to launch a strong campaign for Madison County recorder of deeds.

Lucas, who held the office for four terms, will challenge incumbent Recorder Dan Donohoo in the March 19 primary election.

The race is the result of a ruling Monday by Madison County Associate Judge Lola Maddox, who overturned a decision that would have kept Lucas off the ballot.

Maddox ruled that the County Officers' Electoral Board erred when it struck 20 signatures from Lucas' nominating petition.

Lucas' petition contained 330 signatures, but the board, consisting of State's Attorney William Haine, County Clerk Debbie Salich and Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci, ruled that only 244 were valid, 11 fewer than required for nomination.

Maddox said two appellate court decisions have held that the address given on a circulator's affidavit does not have to be the address where the circulator is registered to vote.

Maddox upheld another electoral board ruling, rejecting a counterclaim by attorney Tom Lakin that other signatures were invalid because a cir-

culator's affidavit was improperly notarized. Lakin, a member of the Democratic Central Committee's Executive Committee, filed the challenge to Lucas' petitions.

"It's been like a roller coaster," Donohoo said. "That's going on, I had no control over. I welcome Mr. Lucas to the race."

Lucas said he and others who circulated his petitions tried to do it right. His name was removed from the primary ballot four years ago when a number of signatures on his petition were ruled invalid.

"We were so careful this time and we still made mistakes," Lucas said. "I think almost anyone's petition could be challenged."

Lucas was seeking a fifth term as recorder when he lost to Donohoo in the 1988 Democratic primary. Donohoo won in the general election and was re-elected again in 1992.

Lucas said he will mount a strong campaign this year.

"I'll just campaign a little harder," he said. "We both have a record in the office. I'll let the voters decide. I think we've done a good job the last seven years."

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

**ARMS, Thelma M.** (Wadlow), 87, of St. Louis, formerly of Ferguson, Mo., died Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at Village North Woods Nursing Home, St. Louis. Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Allen Reiter. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the Hospice of Christian Northeast Hospital, St. Louis.

**ELY, Ron W.**, 48, of Granite City died at 12:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 1996, at his residence. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Allen Reiter. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to Ryan White Foundation or Mad Cap Foundation, 2016 Madison Ave.,

Granite City, Ill., 62040.

**FITZHEN, William L.**, 68, of Granite City, formerly of East St. Louis, died at 5:06 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at his residence. Services were Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Leon Bell. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

**PROHARDT, Elmer P. Sr.**, 103, of Chicago, formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Jan. 28, 1996, in Niles, Ill.

**KELJO, Pete**, 85, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 9:25 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at his residence. Services were Wednesday at St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, Madison, by the Rev. Robert-Bohdan Plorkowski. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Car-

bon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church.

**KENKOVSKA, Stoina** (Hadjigeva), 98, of Granite City, formerly of Yugoslavia, died at 8:54 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1996, at her residence. Services were Saturday at Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church, Madison, by the Rev. Peter Stamboljiev. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church.

**KINSEY, Inzie I.** (Reed), 99, of Jerseyville, formerly of Granite City, died at 10:35 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 1996, at Greenwood Manor West, Jerseyville. Services were Mon-

day at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Charles Pike. Services were Tuesday at Jones Funeral Home, LaCenter, Ky. Burial in Needmore Cemetery, LaCenter.

**LOFTUS, Raymond J.**, 57, of Granite City died at 6:53 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 1996, at his residence. Services were Monday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Robert DeGrand. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Organization for the Advancement of The Handicapped (OATH), 412 State St., Madison, Ill., 62060.

**PETRUNCH, George J.**, 67, of Granite City died at 8:05 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Tuesday at St.

Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Steve Fohlman. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to the Calvary Cemetery Chapel Fund.

**SCHUSTER, Mary Ruth** (Street), 87, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at Maryville Manor, Maryville. Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Andrew Kramer. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

**SCOBY, Bernice** "Rusty" (Marlen), 73, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 11:10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4,

1996, at her residence. Services were Wednesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Phil Warren. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to Mount Zion General Baptist Church, Granite City.

**ULFFERS, Laura** (Nollmann), 87, of Edwardsville died at 11:05 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 1996, at Madison County Nursing Home, Edwardsville. Services were Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, Edwardsville, by the Rev. Richard Neil. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Mater Funeral Home, Edwardsville. The family prefers that donors honor her memory by reading a story to their grandchild, by teaching someone to read or by helping a friend or stranger pay their college tuition.





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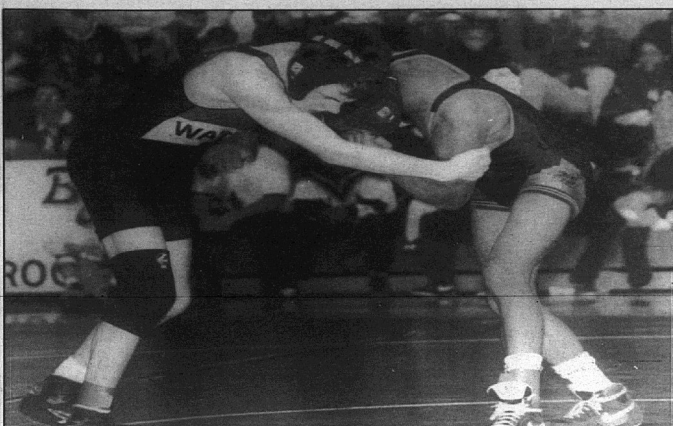


# Sports

Section B

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## Warriors power way to regional title



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

Granite City 112-pounder John Kelly (left) tangles with Anteco Bryant of East St. Louis Lincoln during Saturday's Belleville West Class AA Regional. The Warriors moved on to dual team sectional competition with Tuesday's win over O'Fallon.

### GCHS grapplers (22-0) top O'Fallon 56-9

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

O'Fallon wrestling coach Bill Matzker wasn't expecting his team to best Granite City on Tuesday in the Class AA dual team regional finals, but even he was impressed with what he saw from the Warriors.

"I've never seen so many cradles in all my life," he said.

That pretty much summed up the action, as the Warriors cruised to their fifth straight regional title by whipping the Panthers 56-9 at Memorial Gymnasium.

**THE WARRIORS** (22-0) moved on to the Class AA dual team sectional, which will be held at Granite City on Feb. 20, after the individual state wrestling meet.

Until then, the Warriors will concentrate on individual performances, but on Tuesday they looked like a team with a real future in the dual team state tournament.

Although things were not perfect for Granite City, coach Mike Garland was still pleased.

"You have to be, anytime you beat a team like O'Fallon by this much," he said. "Still,

we have some guys who really need to turn things around or it's going to catch up with them."

**ALTHOUGH THE Warriors** dominated, there are still at least a couple of wrestlers who aren't making weight correctly, and it's hurting their performance on the mat.

John Kelly was one of the few Warriors who lost on Tuesday, and Garland said Kelly's habits are killing his chances.

"He has to stop running to make weight," Garland said. "That's cost him the last two matches, and that's taking nothing away from his opponent. But he has to regulate his weight, instead of running all day before the match. He's got nothing left by the third (period)."

"Jeff Estrada's been doing the same type of thing all year long. They've got two weeks left to the state tournament, and you can't go up there like that."

**KELLY WAS ONE** of only two Warriors who did not win their matches on Tuesday. He lost his 112-pound match to regional champion Nick Burrows, 4-1.

The only other Warrior to



**Scott Vittek** and **Jonna Janek**, who has yet to solve Scott Vittek at 135 pounds. Vittek won by fall at the 32-second mark.

The Panthers did have a chance to pick up another win, with regional champ Kevin Greenwood slated to go against Adam Dunnivant at 103. But Matzker said it's very tough for Greenwood to make 103 in the middle of the week.

"We didn't even try to get him down," Matzker said. "He has a terrible time making 103, and realistically this weekend (at the Wood River Sectional) is more important to him. Kevin's given us everything he's had this year, and I wouldn't want to jeopardize anything."

As a result, Dunnivant won by forfeit.

But all 12 of the other matches went off — most of (See WARRIORS, Page 2B)

## Sectional next test for top-ranked GCHS

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Although Tuesday night's Class AA regional dual meet was not close, both O'Fallon and Granite City should benefit from a mid-week tuneup for the Wood River Sectional this weekend at East Alton-Wood River High School.

The Warriors, ranked first in the Illinois Class AA poll, have advanced 12 to wrestlers to sectional competition — including six champions. The Panthers advanced six to the sectional, including four champions.

**ACTION AT WOOD RIVER** begins Friday evening, with preliminary rounds starting at 6 p.m. Sessions will also be held on Saturday, with the finals beginning at 3 p.m.

Besides those who advanced from the Belleville West Regional, individuals from regionals in Springfield, Wood River and Marion will also be on hand to compete for the right to move on to the state tournament Feb. 16-17 in Champaign. The top three wrestlers in each weight class will qualify for state.

O'Fallon coach Bill Matzker is confident his wrestlers can do well at Wood River. "We have six going, and I would hope we could get four or five to state," he said. "That won't be easy, of course, but everybody's in great condition."

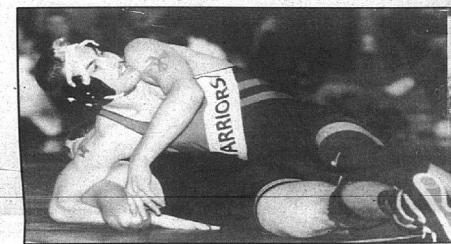
**THE PANTHERS'** 135-pounder, Scott Vittek, has recovered from some tentativeness in the midseason and looks to be a strong contender for state. Kevin Greenwood (103), who did not wrestle Tuesday in the team regional, is coming off an

individual regional championship and could be wrestling in the finals Saturday. Nick Burrows (112) also looks to have a real shot at moving on.

Alti Taylor (189) couldn't match his success over John Sellers in the individual regional in the team regional, but he is likely to be heard from again. Paul Garrett (275) appears to be saving his best for last, and Marshall Goodman (145) looks good, but has yet to find a way to beat Jeff Estrada.

"His lack of experience from earlier this season is hurting him," Matzker said of Goodman. "He needs more quality matches like the one he had (Tuesday)." Granite City coach Mike Garland stresses the importance of not just placing at the sectional, but winning it.

"It's so important to win the sectional. (See GCHS, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

Jeff Estrada will be one of 12 wrestlers representing GCHS at this weekend's Wood River Class AA Sectional.

### Red Devils edge Gateway Tech 56-55

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The Venice Red Devils, playing their final home game of the year, came out a fired-up group on Tuesday, but eventually had to hang on for a 56-55 win over Gateway Tech of St. Louis.

After streaking out to a 15-2 lead, the Devils nearly squandered the game in the final eight minutes, when they were outscored 18-11.

"I'M GLAD WE got the win, but we're still not playing good basketball for 32 minutes," Venice coach Clinton Harris said. "We saw what can happen when you let up. You can do that against any team. I don't care what their record is."

The Devils (5-12) led 21-9 after the first quarter, but were then outscored in each of the three remaining periods. It looked like a sure Venice rout in the first quarter, as Keita Kennedy and Donald Harris combined to score 16 of the 21 points.

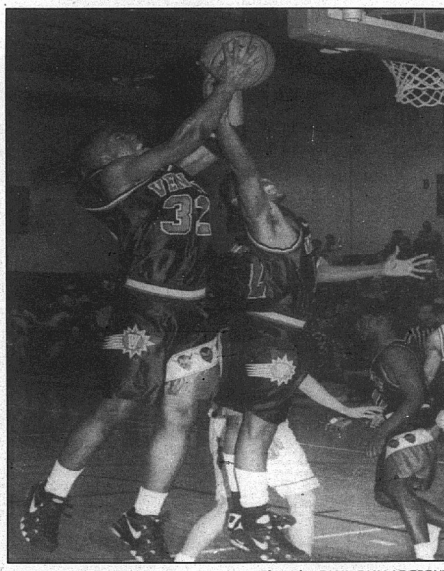
**KENNEDY LED** the Devils with 17 points in the game, and 10 of those came in the first period. Harris finished with nine points and 12 rebounds.

But Gateway made the right defensive adjustments in the second period, holding Kennedy to 10 points.

Last week at Lovejoy High School, a very special honor was given to two Wildcats basketball players.

Lovejoy's DeAnthony Young and Britt Butler have been nominated to the 1996 McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team. Both players received a special presentation at halftime of the Wildcats' home game last week.

**YOUNG AND BUTLER** are two of 1,500 high school basketball players nationwide to be nominated to the McDonald's All-American Team. From the list of nominees, 20 athletes will be chosen



(Photo by PAUL BALLARCONO)

Venice teammates Donald Harris (left) and Kevin Roberts battle for a rebound.

by the McDonald's All-American Basketball Selection Committee.

"Certainly, the city of Brooklyn should be proud of both these young men with what they have accomplished, simply by being named to this list of basketball players," said Erin Wolkowitz of Fishman Hilliard, Inc.

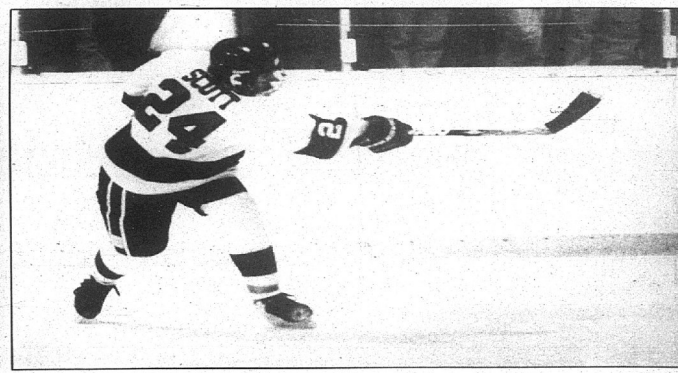
"The competition for these 1,500 spots is tremendous. It says a lot about Mr. Butler and Mr. Young, and about Lovejoy High School."

The McDonald's All-American Team will be named later in February, and each

member will be contacted directly prior to the national announcement.

**THE 1996 All-American** game is March 31 in Pittsburgh, Pa., and will be broadcast nationally.

The McDonald's All-American teams have been a springboard for the careers of many college and professional players.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

Granite City's Bobby Scott fires the puck. The Warriors concluded the regular season Monday with an 8-3 victory over McCluer North.

## Skaters set for Mid-States playoffs

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

The Granite City hockey team finished the regular season on a high note this week by winning its last three games.

The Warriors finish a brilliant 20-2 on the season and are preparing for the playoffs, which begin this weekend. The Mid-States Club Hockey Association playoff meeting was to be held Wednesday night.

**THE WARRIORS** reached the end of the season playing as well as they did at the beginning of the season, when they were 12-0 at one point. After struggling through a 2-2 finish, they won their last six games.

Granite City played McCluer North at the North County rink last Friday, taking a 6-4 decision. It was the first time the Warriors had seen the Stars, and they were surprised a bit by McCluer North's skating ability.

"They have a couple of guys

who are really good players," said assistant coach Will Connolly. "Every time they'd touch the puck, they just took off with it. They really have excellent speed, but we did a better job sticking with them on Monday."

**ON MONDAY**, in a rematch with the Stars, the Warriors won 8-3 in the season finale at Wilson Park. That game was senior recognition night, and all six Warrior seniors and their parents were recognized before the game.

Mikal Guitey picked up his 30th goal of the season in the game to finish as one of four Warriors in the top five in scoring in the Tier II White Division. The others are Aaron Reeves, Bobby Pritchard and Kevin Neminger.

On Saturday, the Warriors

and goalie Tony Evans posted the team's fourth shutout of the year in an 8-0 win over Pattonville.

The Warriors, who were expected to face Pattonville in the first round of the playoffs, defeated the Pirates twice this season, outscoring them 17-2.

**ALSO, BY VIRTUE** of the team's first-place finish, the Warriors' coaching staff of Connolly and Dave Yurkovich will coach the White Division in the Tier II All-star game, which will be played after the MSCHA finals.

"And basically, it's the players that have gotten us there," Yurkovich said. "We're really appreciative of the job they've done for us."

The Warriors made it to the Tier II semifinals last year before suffering elimination, and don't want to repeat that scenario.

"I think we're in good shape," Connolly said. "Everybody's healthy, and they're all focused on the job we need to do."



**Pritchard**, Aaron Reeves, Bobby Pritchard and Kevin Neminger.



## Sports shorts

**Bowl for Kids' Sake**  
League bowlers are invited to participate in the 1996 Bowl for Kids' Sake event, sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois in partnership with the Bowling Proprietors Association.

Participating bowling centers include Bowl Haven in Alton, Bowl Inn in East Alton, Wood River Bowl, Airport Plaza Bowl in Bethalto and Bel-Air and St. Clair Bowl in Belleville. League bowlers can get sponsors and scores will be taken from regular league games during the week of Feb. 18-24.

Prizes for top money raisers include a computer, tickets to Kiel Center, two round-trip tickets to a Southwestern Airlines destination and a stay at a luxury condo in Chicago.

The money raised will be used to recruit, screen and match volunteers with kids waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister. A portion of the funds raised will also go to the Youth Bowling Scholarship program. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois serves the children of St. Clair and Madison Counties.

For more information, contact a participating bowling center or call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 465-4404 in Alton or 398-3162 in Belleville.

**Mitchell Khoury League**  
The Mitchell Khoury League will be holding open registration for T-Ball, baseball and girls softball for the summer of 1996. All children are welcome to register at the Mitchell School Gym, on E. Chain to Rocks Road.

Signups will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the following nights: Feb. 13-14, 20-21, 27-28; and March 5-6. All participants must register. New registrants should bring a birth certificate. Cost will be \$30 for T-ball, \$35 for softball and \$40 for baseball.

Interested parties can call Larry Monroe at 797-1532 for more information. Persons interested in managing, umpiring or concession work are also encouraged to call.

**Walton at Marquette**  
The Marquette Catholic Boosters, a non-profit fundraising organization, was formed in 1972 to

help offset the costs of maintaining the Marquette High School athletic program. One of its biggest fund raising events each year is the Celebrity Dinner. Past guests have included Gerry Faust, Mike Shannon, Tom Lasorda, Dan Dierdorf and Ozzie Smith.

This year the organization is proud to announce NBA Hall of Famer Bill Walton will be the featured guest. Walton played 14 years in the NBA and four years at UCLA under coach John Wooden. Walton was a part of two NCAA championship teams and also two NBA championship teams: one with the Portland Trail Blazers and one with the Boston Celtics.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the Alton Holiday Inn. The reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. and dinner is set for 7 p.m. Individual donations are \$50, while table sponsorships are available for \$1,000. For more information or tickets, contact Gary Cheek at 466-6465 or 258-2328; or call Joyce Hanlon at the Marquette Development Office at 468-6885.

**Girls AAU hoops**  
The St. Louis Comets' girls' AAU basketball club will hold tryouts for girls born in 1986. The team is also looking for a girl born in 1985 for a position opening at forward. For more information, call Rick at 314-837-2379 or Sue at 314-355-3590.

**High school league offered**  
The Granite City Park District would like to start a high school age basketball league. A minimum of four teams is needed to get the league started.

The league would be held at the Lincoln Place Community Center gymnasium on Thursday evenings at 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m., each week for six weeks. The cost will be \$100 per team for six games and playoffs.

**Pontoon leagues forming**  
The Pontoon Beach Khoury League Inc. is offering sign-ups for T-ball, baseball and softball leagues. The signups will be held at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall on Illinois 111.

Signups will continue through

the months of January, February and March, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. Interested parties should bring birth certificate and photograph.

For more information, call Ida at 797-5477 or Tracy at 391-1251.

**Youth league signups**  
The Granite City Park District is now taking sign-ups for boys and girls wanting to play youth baseball or ponytail softball. This does include T-Ball leagues.

Names are placed on a list and teams are formed from the list, or managers who need players will fill their team rosters from the list. Boys or girls who will be six years of age to 16 years may also have their names put on a list and every effort will be made to get them on a team.

Anyone interested in managing a youth baseball or softball team should also call or stop in the park office, as managers are always needed. For more information, call the Wilson Park office, 877-3059.

**Basketball coaches needed**  
The Granite City Park District is planning to start a junior high school-age basketball program. But before the program can begin, the Park District must know if there is a sufficient number of coaches who would be available to manage the participants.

The program would be held at the Lincoln Place Community Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., each week for approximately six weeks.

Volunteer coaches are an important part of any Park District recreational program, and without the coaches' time and effort, the children will have no opportunity to participate. Anyone interested should call 877-3059.

**Spring flag football league**  
Budweiser will be hosting an 8-man spring flag football league. The league will run from Feb. 25 to April 14 in Belleville. Each prize will be awarded to the top three finishers. Space is limited, and the league is forming quickly. For more information call 277-4090.

## •Warriors

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## Journal Writers' Poll

## Boys Basketball

## LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Webster Groves (20-2)	68
2. CBC (17-3)	64
3. Collinsville (16-4)	50
4. DeSmet (16-6)	49
5. Haz. Central (16-4)	36
6. St. Charles West (16-4)	33
7. (tie) Belleville East (17-3)	26
8. (tie) Belleville East (17-3)	26
9. Vashon (13-6)	16
10. Parkway Central (16-3)	10

## SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Cardinal Ritter (15-5)	70
2. Freeburg (17-3)	60
3. Berkeley (15-4)	55
4. Columbia (17-5)	44
5. John Burroughs (14-5)	34
6. (tie) Wellston (12-6)	31
7. (tie) Lutheran South (13-7)	31
8. Principia (11-7)	12
9. Troy (14-5)	11
10. St. Charles (11-10)	9

## Journal Writers' Poll

## Girls Basketball

## LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Parkway South (17-2)	69
2. Cor Jesu (18-2)	64
3. Hazelwood Central (18-1)	53
4. St. Charles West (16-3)	51
5. Northwest (15-5)	37
6. Webster Groves (15-4)	28
7. St. Joseph's (14-4)	25
8. Edwardsville (18-4)	18
9. Gateway Tech (18-2)	17
10. O'Fallon (17-6)	9

Also receiving votes: Belleville East, McCluer North and McCluer.

## Journal Writers' Poll

## Wrestling

## Week of Feb. 7

Team	Points
1. Granite City (1)	68
2. Francis Howell (2)	63
3. St. Charles West (3)	57
4. Fox (5)	49
5. Oakville (6)	31
6. Hazelwood Central (7)	25
7. Hazelwood East (4)	24
8. DeSmet (7)	20
9. McCluer North (8)	19
10. O'Fallon (9)	16

## WGNU to air

## GCHS-CHS

WGNU/AM 920 will carry Friday night's Southwestern Conference boys basketball game between Granite City and Collinsville at three minutes. The broadcast will begin at 7:20 p.m.



Poncho Hinojosa (right), a student at Mitchell's Tae Kwon Do in Granite City, won his first full-contact kickboxing match by second-round knockout Dec. 10 in St. Louis. Pictured with Hinojosa is instructor Ed Mitchell.

## THE LAW AND YOU

### By RICK REED

#### Attorney At Law

Sometimes a person will obtain an order of protection against his or her former spouse. The purpose in obtaining an order of protection is to keep the defendant from harming, harassing or threatening the other party. After an order of protection is entered, the question frequently arises as to whether the defendant has violated this order.

In one recent case, a woman (Kathleen) obtained an order of protection against her ex-husband in order to prohibit him from harassing her and from coming to her place of employment. The period of time covered by the order was from April 16, 1992 until April 16, 1994.

On February 6, 1993, Kathleen returned to her residence and found a threatening message from the defendant on her telephone answering machine. She further testified that the defendant came to the temporary employment agency where she worked as a receptionist on February 8, 1993. The defendant asked for an employment application and then left. On February 19, 1993, the defendant returned to the employment agency. The employer asked him to leave. The defendant stated that he was there only to talk to his ex-wife about his typewriter, and then he left.

The state's attorney brought charges against the defendant for violation of the order of protection, and he was convicted after a jury trial. He was sentenced to 90 days incarceration on two separate counts.

The defendant argued on appeal that the State failed to prove him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. He noted that he only went into the original order of protection on the day of employment and that he created no disturbance.

The Appellate Court noted here that the original order of protection specifically prohibited the defendant from entering or remaining at Kathleen's place of employment. It did not specify how far into the place of employment he had to be nor did it require a certain intent on his part.

The Court noted that despite the clarity of the original order, the defendant not only came to her place of employment, but he did so on two occasions. It was no defense that he did not cause a scene while there nor harass Kathleen. He entered her place of employment which was an act prohibited by the order of protection. Therefore, the Appellate Court affirmed his conviction.

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# Prep basketball

## CLASS AA BOYS

**Collinsville Sectional**  
Alton, Belleville East, Belleville West, Civic Memorial, Cahokia, Chatham, Glenwood, Collinsville, East St. Louis, Lincoln, East St. Louis, Edwardsville, Granite City, Jacksonville, Jerseyville, Taylorville, Waterloo, Wood River.

### Salem Sectional

Carbondale, Centralia, Charleston, Effingham, Highland, Marion, Mascoutah, Mattson, Mount Carmel, Mount Vernon, Murphysboro, O'Fallon, Paris, Triad, Salem.

Opening rounds of sectionals will be played Feb. 26 and 28. Regional championship games are March 1. Games will be played on the home courts of the higher seeded teams. The sectional semifinals and finals will be March 5, 6 and 8.

### Carbondale Super-Sectional

March 12  
Collinsville Sectional winner vs. Salem sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

### State tournament

Friday, March 15  
At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center  
Game 1: Normal Super-Sectional winner vs. Aurora East Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.

Game 2: Carbondale Super-Sectional winner vs. Evanson Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.

Game 3: Hinsdale Central Super-Sectional winner vs. Rockford Super-Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.

Game 4: DeKalb Super-Sectional winner vs. Chicago Public League winner, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 16  
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.

Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

## CLASS A BOYS

**Freeburg Regional**  
Monday, Feb. 19  
Game 1: Freeburg vs. Lovejoy, 6 p.m.

Game 2: Althoff vs. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 20**  
Game 3: Westlin vs. Duplo, 6 p.m.

Game 4: Madison vs. Venice, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 21**  
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 22**  
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 23**  
Title: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.

### Vandalia Sectional

Feb. 28  
Game 1: Bunker Hill Regional winner vs. Freeburg Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 28  
Game 2: St. Elmo Regional winner vs. Morrisville Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

March 1  
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Charleston Super-Sectional**

Bridgeport Red Hill Sectional winner vs. Vandalia Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

**State tournament**

Friday, March 8  
At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center  
Game 1: Decatur Super-Sectional winner vs. DeKalb Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.

Game 2: Macomb Super-Sectional winner vs. East Moline Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.

Game 3: Carbondale Super-Sectional winner vs. Charleston Super-Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.

Game 4: Kankakee Super-Sectional winner vs. Normal Super-Sectional winner, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 9  
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.

Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

Game 7: Granite City (11) at Collinsville (6), 7:30 p.m.

**CLASS AA GIRLS**

**Collinsville Sectional**  
Monday, Feb. 12  
Game 1: Cahokia (16) at Belleville East (11), 7:30 p.m.

Game 2: Chatham Glenwood (9) at Jacksonville (8), 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: East St. Louis (13) at O'Fallon (4), 7:30 p.m.

Game 4: Civic Memorial (12) at Edwardsville (5), 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**  
Game 5: East Alton-Wood River (15) at Jerseyville (2), 7:30 p.m.

Game 6: East St. Louis Lincoln (10) at Belleville West (7), 7:30 p.m.

Game 7: Alton (14) at Taylorville (3), 7:30 p.m.

Game 8: Granite City (11) at Collinsville (6), 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 15**  
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Game 10: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Game 11: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 19**  
at Collinsville High School  
Game 13: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m.

Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 22**  
Title: Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Centralia Sectional**  
Monday, Feb. 12  
Game 1: Paris (11) vs. Granite City (10) at Mascoutah (8), 7:30 p.m.

Game 2: Waterloo (10) at Mascoutah (8), 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: Marion (13) at Mount Vernon (4), 7:30 p.m.

Game 4: Salem (11) at Mattson (5), 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**  
Game 5: Murphysboro (14) at Centralia (2), 7:30 p.m.

Game 6: Carbondale (9) at Mount Carmel (7), 7:30 p.m.

Game 7: Triad (15) at Highland (3), 7:30 p.m.

Game 8: Effingham (12) at Charleston (6), 7:30 p.m.

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**Salem Super-Sectional**

Feb. 26  
Centralia Super-Sectional winner vs. Collinsville Super-Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

**State tournament**

Friday, March 1  
At Redbird Arena, Normal  
Game 1: Dixon Super-Sectional winner vs. Pekin Super-Sectional winner, 9 a.m.

Game 2: Des Plaines Maine West Super-Sectional winner vs. Salem Super-Sectional winner, 10:30 a.m.

Game 3: Palatine Super-Sectional winner vs. Chicago Public League winner, 1:30 a.m.

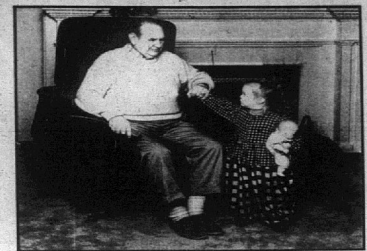
Game 4: Elmhurst York Super-Sectional winner vs. New Lenox Lincoln Way Super-Sectional winner, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 2  
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 10:30 a.m.

Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:30 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.



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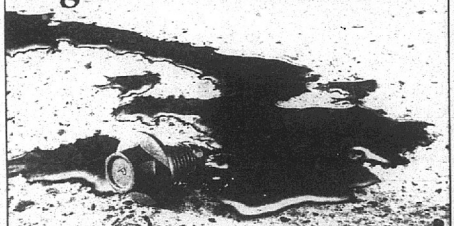
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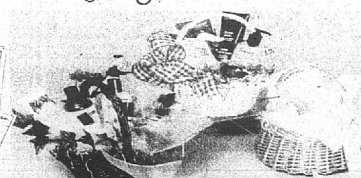
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## FAMILY

Paula Cox  
and James TuckerCox-  
Tucker

Paula Dean Cox, daughter of Linda Enrichel of Granite City, and James Eric Tucker, son of Earl and Marcella Tucker of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Cox, of Granite City, attended Granite City High School and is employed with Glik's in Granite City.

Tucker, who also attended Granite City High School, is employed in maintenance with Center Line Corporation in St. Louis.

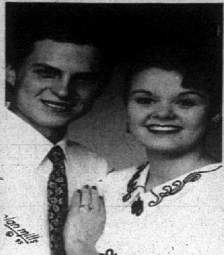
A spring 1997 wedding at Calvary Pentecostal Assembly in Granite City is planned.

Matthew and  
Amy LienemannLienemann-  
Wright

Amy Jessica Wright and Matthew Robert Lienemann were married Dec. 30, 1995, at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Granite City by the Rev. Steven Hurd.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright of Granite City. She is a full-time student at Belleville Area College.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lienemann of Granite City. He is employed with A.O. Smith Corporation. A reception was held at the church hall.

Jill Moutria  
and Eric PfefferMoutria-  
Pfeffer

Jill Marie Moutria, daughter of Gregory and Sheree Moutria of Granite City, and Eric S. Pfeffer, son of Raymond Pfeffer of Edwardsville and Linda Pfeffer of Glen Carbon, have announced their engagement.

Moutria, a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School, is a student at Hickey School in St. Louis. She will graduate in May 1996. Her course of studies is administrative assistant.

Pfeffer, a 1993 graduate of Edwardsville High School, is finishing a carpentry apprenticeship and is employed by J.J. Tillerson Construction in Edwardsville.

A June 1 wedding at Harvest Assembly in Granite City is being planned.

Melissa Jones  
and John GilmoreJones-  
Gilmore

Melissa R. Jones, daughter of Ted and Sandy Jones of Granite City, and John D. Gilmore, son of Dennis and Gwen Gilmore of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Jones, a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed with Glik's \$10 or Less Department Store as an assistant manager.

Gilmore, a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1994 graduate of Belleville Area College with an associate degree in drafting technology, is employed with Horner and Shiffrin Architectural and Engineering Firm in St. Louis as a CAD technician.

An Aug. 17 wedding at St. John's Church of Christ in Granite City is being planned.

Jennifer Reznack  
and Brian JonesReznack-  
Jones

Jennifer Reznack, daughter of Louis and Florence Reznack of Granite City, and Brian Jones, son of Warren and Carol Jones of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Reznack, of Granite City, is attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to obtain a degree in finance. She is employed with Glik's in Granite City as an assistant buyer in the ladies department.

Jones, a 1993 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, received his bachelor's degree in accounting. He is employed with Commercial Credit, Alton branch, as a branch manager.

A Feb. 1, 1997, wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City is being planned.

Kimberly Potter  
and David BrownPotter-  
Brown

Kimberly L. Potter, daughter of Linda Potter of Bethalto and the late Earl Potter, and David W. Brown, son of Everett D. Brown and Mary Beth Brown, both of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Potter of Granite City and formerly of Bethalto is a 1985 graduate of Civic Memorial High School and received her associate of applied science degree in radiologic technology from Belleville Area College. She is employed with St. Elizabeth Medical Center as a radiologic technologist.

Brown, a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed with the Granite City Sanitation Department as a journeyman.

A March 23 wedding at First Baptist Church in Rosewood Heights is being planned.

## Organizations

## St. Elizabeth's Solidarity

The monthly meeting of St. Elizabeth's Solidarity was held Jan. 23 in the school cafeteria with 47 members attending.

Regular monthly reports and various committee reports were read and approved.

Alecia Poetker presented the evening's program, which dealt with a possible new computer system for the school.

The attendance prize was won by Helen Noeth. The pot of gold was won by Buleah Gauen, Sylvia Winfield won the Madonna and Florence Petras won the Quilt of the Month.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Vickie Jacobs, Cindy Whitt, Joanna Bukovac and Joyce Mills.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the school cafeteria.

## Quad Church Women

The Quad City Unit of Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Granite City.

This is the 100th annual observance of World Day of Prayer, which is an international, ecumenical worship service.

The 1996 World Day of Prayer was written by the women of Haiti on the theme, "God Calls Us to Respond." In this worship service, Haitians

ask us to remember God's call to biblical prophets, such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Mary, the Disciples and Paul, and for each of us to respond to God's call by taking care of God's creation and one another.

A portion of the offering that will be taken will be given to grants for projects in Haiti.

The chairwoman for the worship service is Peggy Duncan Wood, who will be assisted by Linda McLean.

Following the service, refreshments will be served. Everyone in the community, both men and women, are invited to the celebration.

## Seniors Unlimited

The Seniors Unlimited of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church met in Wesley Hall recently with 59 members in attendance.

The Rev. Bruce Rushing opened the meeting with prayer.

Following a chili lunch, Steve Balen, superintendent of schools, spoke on the renovation of the high school.

Meditation for the day was given by Robert Rouland.

The group is planning a trip to the Omnimax Theatre at the St. Louis Science Centre, lunch at the Salad Bowl Cafeteria and a tour of the Jefferson Memorial.

## Madison Volunteer Fire Department

The annual meeting of the (See GROUPS, Page 5B)

Mr. and Mrs.  
Lyman MorrisMorris-  
50 years

Lyman and Doris Morris of Granite City will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 9. They were married Feb. 9, 1946, in St. Louis.

They are the parents of two daughters, Patricia Hildebrandt of Granite City and Phyllis Mulford of Chesterfield, Mo.

There are four grandchildren.

Mann-  
40 Years

A surprise 40th wedding anniversary party was held at the Community Center in Shrewsbury, Mo., on Jan. 20 for Henry and Mary Jean (Conroy) Mann. They were married Jan. 21, 1956, in Joliet.

A buffet was served to guests. Cards and gifts were opened, followed by guests enjoying a replicated tiered wedding cake and punch.

Balloons, flowers and decorations of red and white were used.

Members of the wedding party who were able to attend were Joann (Colbert) Misewicz, maid of honor, and Ronald Mann, groomsmen and brother of Henry Mann.

Those in attendance were the couple's children and families, who hosted the party: Joe, Laura (Mann) Totter and daughters, Danielle and Sarah; Robert Mann and Kelly and Kimberly Mann and sons, Kyle, Nathan and Alec.

Guests also attending were Arnold and Mary Bowers, Sharon Ciarlette, Ardelle Conroy, Gene and Irene Conroy, Pat and Helen Conroy, Tom and Sue Lombardo, Ronald and Marlene Mann, Rodney and Judy Meister, Jim and Joann Misewicz, Carl Rice, Cathy Smiley, Joe and Rose Totter and Ronald, Debbie and Meghan Zielinski.

Long-  
McIlroy

Lori Anne McIlroy and Randy Lee Long were married Sept. 9, 1995, at the home of Don and Barbara Hopgood, uncle and aunt of the bride, by the Rev. Chris Williams, minister of Community Christian Church in Belleville.

The bride is the daughter of George and Beverly McIlroy of Granite City. A 1986 graduate of Granite City High School, she is employed with A.G. Edwards and Sons Inc. in St. Louis as an administrative assistant.

The groom is the son of Roger Long of Highland and Judy Knowless of Belleville. A 1987 graduate of Highland High School and ITT Technical Institute in St. Louis, he is employed with the St. Louis Postal Service as a maintenance mechanic.

Monica Warren of Granite City, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Sue Chas- teen and Sandra Branz, sisters of the groom.

Trevor Quade of Hollywood, Cal., cousin of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen were Jeff Warren, brother-in-law of the bride, and Shawn Thomason, cousin of

Randy and  
Lori Long

the groom.

Chelsea Smith, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Sean McIlroy, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights.

A honeymoon cruise is planned for next May. They reside in Collinsville.

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## Obituaries

## Faye Rody

Faye B. (Chappell) Rody, 73, of Livingston, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1996, at her residence after being ill since March of 1995. She was born March 27, 1922, in Clarksburg, Ill., and had been a resident of Granite City for most of her life.

She was a homemaker, was a member of the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include one son, Harold Rody Sr., of Livingston; one daughter, Bernice Boush of Granite City; one brother, Floyd Chappell of Georgia; two sisters, Virgie Yearman of New Douglas and Opal Roach of Chester; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Rody, who died Nov. 19, 1984; and her parents, Pfeiffer and Nellie (Weaver) Chappell.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Melba Boyd officiating.

Gravestone services and burial will be held at 1 p.m. today in Tilden City Cemetery in Tilden.

## Beverly Cross

Beverly J. Cross, 39, of Venice died at 9:22 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at her residence. She was born in St. Louis.

Mrs. Cross was a nurse's aide with St. Elizabeth Medical Center in St. Louis.

Survivors include her children; her mother, Alberta Gorka; and her siblings.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave. in East St. Louis.

Services are at noon Saturday at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1349 Klein Ave. in Venice, with the Rev. Henry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

## J. B. Joiner

J. B. Joiner, 63, of Granite City died at 7:18 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a five-day illness. He was born Feb. 25, 1932, in Ash Hill, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 32 years.

A retail grocery maintenance employee with Clonko's Market in

Granite City for 20 years prior to his retirement in 1982, he was a member of Peace First Baptist Church in Granite City and a Korean War Army veteran.

Survivors include three brothers, Drexel Joiner of Warren, Mich., Glenn Joiner of Decatur, Mo., and John Joiner of Midwest City, Okla.; four sisters, Shirley Kinney of Glen Carbon, Opal Gauthier and Audrey Wilfong, both of Flint, Mich., and Shirley Fowler of Dexter, and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie M. Joiner, who died Oct. 5, 1991; one daughter, Dawn Joiner, who died Sept. 6, 1992; and his parents, John and Nancy (Wade) Joiner, who died at 11:30 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. David Malone officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorial to his grandchildren's trust funds are suggested.

## H. Heinemann

Helen M. Heinemann, 67, of Granite City died at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a short illness. She was born Dec. 9, 1908, in Madison County and had been a lifelong resident of Granite City.

An operator with Moellenbrock Dry Goods in Granite City, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two nephews, James Heinemann of Alton and Wayne Kelly of Granite City; one niece, Jo Ann Heinemann of Troy; seven great-nephews and great-nieces; and six great-great-nephews and great-great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Elizabeth (Moellenbrock) Heinemann.

Services were to be held at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. William Gorka officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Gravestone services and burial will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Methodist Cemetery in Island, Ky.

Rea Gall (McDonald) Bowen, 37, of Collinsville died at 10:32 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at Anderson Hospital in

1996, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Oct. 26, 1922, in St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City for 40 years.

Mrs. Rajewski was a secretary at Louis Beer School in the Madison School District for 10 years prior to her retirement in 1985.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Rajewski of St. Louis and Carl Rajewski of Madison; two daughters, Carol Dodd and Cathy Lybarger, both of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Rajewski, whom she married June 7, 1941, in St. Louis, and who died Nov. 7, 1983, her parents, William and Josephine (Lamki) Gorka; and three brothers, Stanley, John and Willie Gorka.

Services were to be held at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

## Marie Harrington

Marie K. (Kelly) Harrington, 81, of Granite City died at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Belleville, following a six-week illness. She was born July 20, 1914, in Vicksburg, Miss., and had been a resident of Granite City for 16 years.

An operator with the packing department of the S.M. Arnold Co. in St. Louis for 10 years prior to her retirement in 1975, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry and Joe Harrington, both of Granite City, and Jackie Harrington of East Moline, Ill.; and three daughters, Mary and Gertrude (Hilton) Kelly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Harrington, who died May 10, 1980; and her parents, Robert and Gertrude (Hilton) Kelly.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 9 a.m. Friday with the Rev. James Gorka officiating.

Gravestone services and burial will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Methodist Cemetery in Island, Ky.

## Rea Bowen

Rea Gall (McDonald) Bowen, 37, of Collinsville died at 10:32 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at Anderson Hospital in

Maryville. She was born March 15, 1958, in East St. Louis.

An assistant manager with Hardee's in Granite City, she was a member of Assembly of God Church in O'Fallon.

Survivors include one son, Eric Bowen of Troy; her father, Glen McDonald of Van Buren, Ark.; three brothers, Eddie McDonald of Troy, Kevin McDonald of Collinsville and Chris McDonald of Fairview Heights; one sister, Carla Barrett of O'Fallon; and three stepbrothers, Randy, Jimmy and Gary Oden, all of Van Buren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Allene (Graham) McDonald; and one brother, Steve McDonald.

Services were Wednesday at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Guy Caley officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials are requested for the Eric Bowen Trust Fund.

## Danny Samples

Danny Lee Samples, 35, of Manhattan, Mo., formerly of Maryville, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 1996. He was born Jan. 3, 1961.

Mr. Samples was an established fine artist and a photographer.

Survivors include his mother and stepmother, Lola and Howard Probst of Collinsville; three brothers, Ronald C. Samples of Belleville, Richard E. Samples of Dupo and James R. Samples of Caseyville; four sisters, Mary Ann Meyer of Caseyville, Joyce K. Gould of Granite City and his twin, Denise, all of Collinsville; six stepbrothers and step-sisters, and his friend, Hoinz Llera of Germany.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry C. Samples.

Services were Wednesday at Kassy Mortuary Ltd. in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Michael Vanbrinton officiating. Burial was in Buck Road Cemetery in Caseyville.

Memorials are requested for the AIDS Project, Manhattan Plaza, 400 West 43rd St., New York, N.Y., 10036-6310.

## Billie Summer

Billie Herman "Bill" Summer, 55, of Arroll, Mo., formerly of Granite City, Summersville, Mo., and Colorado, died Wednesday, March 7, 1996, at St. Francis Hospital in Mountain View, Mo. He was born Feb. 20, 1940, in Arroll.

Mr. Summer grew up in Arroll and attended Summersville schools, graduating with a diploma in 1958. He spent most of his early adult life in Summersville. He moved to Colorado for a short while and then moved to Granite City.

An electrician with the blast furnace at Granite City Steel for 27 years, he suffered an injury and developed health problems, causing him to retire. He and his family moved back to his farm in Arroll.

On March 28, 1990, he married Joyce (Price) Summer.

Survivors include his second wife, Lona (Gann) Summer, whom he married May 23, 1970, in Granite City; one son, Chuck Summer; two daughters, Deborah and Carman Summer; his mother, Erma Summer; one brother, John Summer of Granite City; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sons, John Luther Summer and William Lynn Summer, who both died in infancy, and Blain Summer, who died at age 15. Two daughters, Linda Marie Summer and Mary Elizabeth Summer, who both died in infancy, his father, Herman Summer, and his granddaughters, Wilson and Faye Cook and Elmer and Helen Summer.

Services were Saturday at Arroll Chapel, where Green officiating. Burial was in Arroll Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Duncan Funeral Home in Mountain View.

Virginia Margaret "Sig" (Barton) Geaschel, 73, of Collinsville died at 4:12 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 1996, at her residence. She was born Jan. 29, 1923, in Collinsville.

A telephone supervisor with Bell Telephone prior to her retirement, she attended St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ in Collinsville.

Survivors include her husband, Fred L. Geaschel, whom she married July 5, 1947; two daughters, Deborah Hocke of Ashley and Rhonda Platon of Granite City; two brothers, Theron and Robert "Speed" Geaschel, both of Collinsville; one sister, Dorothy Parker of Collinsville; three grandchildren; five step grandchildren; and five step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Morris Barton and Sophia Christine (Alhardt) Barton; and one brother, Edward Barton.

Services were Monday at Herr Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Donald Sabbert officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials are requested for St. John Evangelical United Church of Christ.

## Odis Avara

Odis D. Avara, 90, of Millstadt died Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. He was born March 25, 1905, in Macomb, Miss.

Mr. Avara was a school bus driver with the Dupo School District 196 prior to his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia (Starkie) Avara; one daughter, Ellen Schult of East Carondelet; one stepson, Robert Decker of Granite City; one sister, Mary Ellen Rogers of Macomb; 11 grandchildren; three step grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jessie (Wood) Avara; two sons, Robert and Melvin Avara; his parents, Dock and Berdie (Harwell) Avara; and four brothers, Hubert, Benny, Hollis and Elmer Avara.

Services were Wednesday at St. Eugene's Funeral Home in Millstadt with the Rev. Eugene Lettwick officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for Memorial Hospital.

## Robert McKinney

Robert "Fuzzy" McKinney of Troy, formerly of Venice, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1996, at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. McKinney was a Venice school teacher prior to his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine (Hayden) McKinney; one daughter, Patricia, who lives in Collinsville; and one granddaughter.

Per Mr. McKinney's request, no services were held. Burial was donated at St. Louis University Medical Center.

## Rose Gocheff

Rose Gocheff, 81, of Granite City died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1996, at her residence.

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## Clark pollution hearing date nears

HARTFORD — State authorities may set a public hearing next month to discuss alleged pollution and environmental violations at Clark Refining & Marketing's refinery.

The company is responding to a 13-count complaint filed in June by Attorney General Jim Ryan with the Illinois Pollution Control Board. The company was charged with alleged violations in the refinery's permitting process, record-keeping and emission standards and for oil spills and water pollution.

The complaint asks that Clark be ordered to cease and desist further violations and seek fines of \$50,000 for each alleged incident plus up to \$10,000 a day for each day violations persist.

Assistant Attorney General Jim Morgan said negotiations with the company are continuing, when a conference call with the pollution control officer will determine a new schedule for the remaining issues in the case.

"Part may be sent to a hearing and part may be settled," Morgan said.

The state put off a scheduled hearing Jan. 9 at Hartford Village Hall, which was continued with the company. A conference call Wednesday further delayed the hearing and set up the Feb. 29 conference call.

Clark officials said the company is continuing to cooperate with all state officials on the complaint and hopes to reach an agreement without further litigation.

State officials credited Clark with correcting the alleged discharge of particulate matter from the refinery's catalytic cracking unit. The company was cited in a February violation for discharging an average emission level of 114.99 pounds per hour. The allowable rate is 78.49 pounds per hour.

Other violations cited in the lawsuit have not been remedied, authorities said.

The complaint charges Clark with repeated discharge of gasoline and asphalt waste into the Mississippi River; production of oil sheens on the water; alleged spills since 1991 from refinery pipelines, tanks and processing units; and excessive emissions from the waste water treatment facility.

Clark faces charges of submitting untruthful semiannual reports, constructing an activated carbon canister and operating a storage tank and guard basin without proper permits.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Pension fund officials pledge honesty

SPRINGFIELD — Representatives of the State Universities Retirement System told lawmakers Monday they will guard against repeating scandals cited in audits the past two years.

Members of the Legislative Audit Commission continued to blast Dennis Spice, the former longtime executive director of the pension fund, for alleged misdeeds cited by auditors, even though Spice left last spring.

"How this man could go on for so long boggles my mind," Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenview, said.

New system board chairman Jack Shultz, who is one of the few holdovers from when Spice was executive director, replied: "The board gave its trust to the former executive director and he betrayed that trust."

Auditors cited secret political contributions by Spice and three other executives, expensive memberships in private clubs, the purchase of expensive gifts, bonus salary payments and questionable travel expenses.

Auditors also questioned a trip to Hawaii for one former board member and payments to a pianist and a harp player to play at board meetings.

Shultz said Monday he

should have questioned those expenses earlier, but the feeling among board members was that a nice dinner and entertainment was justified because they were serving without pay.

Robert Mandeville, former longtime state budget director, who stepped in as acting director when Spice was forced out, said he was not involved in the ethics for board members and strict travel regulations has since been implemented. The board is also more aware of expenditures, he noted.

The agency's internal auditor, whose role was sharply restricted under Spice, now also makes regular reports to the board, he noted.

James Hacking, who formerly administered the Minneapolis pension system, took over as executive director last week at an annual salary of \$125,000. He had stepped into a similar situation in his previous job. He pledged openness and full disclosure to the system board and lawmakers.

Commission members also criticized the board for agreeing to a \$20,000 severance payment to Spice and promising not to sue him. Shultz said it was done at the advice of the board's attorney, former federal judge Susan Getzenanner.

Last month, the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office said it had started a review of the pension system's audits to determine if there was any potential criminal activity.

"I don't know where they are; nothing seems to be happening," Shultz said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Health notes

## Breast feeding class offered

If you are an expectant or new parent and have questions about breast feeding, St. Elizabeth Medical Center can help.

SEMC's Women and Newborn Services is offering a class entitled "Breast Feeding Your Baby."

The class is designed to help parents who have chosen breast feeding for their baby and who want to know more about the subject. The class will meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in the WNS Solarium, on the second floor of SEMC, 2100 Madison Ave., in Granite City.

This class is offered free of charge, but preregistration is required. The deadline is Thursday, Feb. 29.

Topics include the advantages of breast feeding, suggestions for increasing success and avoiding problems, tips for mothers who need to breast feed and basic how-to information.

For more information or to register, call 798-3040.

## Cancer coping help available

St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City is offering free classes to help people with cancer, their families and

their friends cope with the disease.

The six-week series will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday, from March 5 to April 9, in the Milonski Room, on the lower level of the Milonski Building, 2100 Madison Ave.

Anyone interested in attending these classes must preregister by calling SEMC's Organization Training and Development Department at 798-3201.

The "I Can Cope" program gives participants an opportunity to share their concerns with others having similar experiences. The program offers ways to cope with the challenges that arise from a cancer diagnosis. Participants are provided information about cancer diagnosis, treatment, side effects, nutrition, exercise and stress management.

Guest speakers include professionals in the field of cancer management. Videotapes, print materials and class discussion provide up-to-date information.

## Diabetes help class offered

If you are a diabetic, "You're not alone," said Kathy Hannan, R.N., B.S.N. and certified diabetes educator.

"There is no cure for diabetes, but there is a lot of information available that can help diabetics lead full lives and avoid future complications."

Haarmann, the patient education coordinator at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, will be part of the teaching team in a free Take Charge of Your Diabetes class offered at SEMC.

The class will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1121 University Drive.

The class will include:

- a general overview of diabetes,
- symptoms,
- diabetes management,
- exercise
- testing and
- complications of the condition.

A registered dietitian will present nutrition information related to diabetes, including information on sweeteners, fiber, label reading and fast foods. A pharmacist will speak on medications, including insulin and oral agents.

Diabetes is the number one cause of new blindness and the third leading cause of death by disease in this country.

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